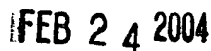


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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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- ☒ Petition for one (1) month(s) extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a). \$110.00 for the extension of time.
- ☐ No fee is required.
- ☒ Check(s) in the amount of \$110.00 is(are) enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. This form is submitted in triplicate.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

In reply to the outstanding Office Action dated October 20, 2003, the period for response having been extended one (1) month to February 20, 2004, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This reply includes amendments to the claims and remarks.

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